Greeting Research Resource Colleagues!

Last fall, AOTF introduced our research priorities for the coming years. These priorities were based on a comprehensive examination of the research agendas of federal agencies and major foundations, the input of the AOTF Scientific Advisory Council, and the urgent areas of need for evidence in occupational therapy practice that have been identified by AOTA and NBCOT. In the coming year, you will learn more about each of these research priority areas, available resources, and the people that are doing good work to advance the science of occupational therapy.

- Safety and injury prevention in home, clinical and community settings
- Health behaviors to prevent and manage chronic conditions
- Functional cognition
- Technology and environmental supports in home and community
- Development and transitions for individuals and families

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Safety and injury prevention in home, clinical and community settings is examined in this issue of Research Resources. This topic is relevant to all populations served by occupational therapy and across all practice settings. Accidental falls, patient safety errors, violence, concussions, and work and recreation injuries contribute to extraordinary health care costs. Advances in the science of occupational therapy are needed to improve surveillance, measures, and interventions for this area. Federal agencies, resources and peer-reviewed publications, and evidence-based interventions for fall prevention are shared to assist researchers, educators, and practitioners who want to contribute to safety and injury goals and initiatives.

In the 2016 issues of Research Resources, we will share information and resources on our research priorities, update you on our conference events, and alert you to opportunities that advance the science of occupational therapy to support people's full participation in meaningful life activities.

Best,

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Federal Agencies with Safety and Injury Prevention Resources

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)
- Quality and Patient Safety

National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)
- National Occupational Research Agenda (NORA) and Research to Practice (r2p)

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
Evidence-Based Interventions for Fall Prevention that Feature Occupational Therapy

The CDC's Compendium of Effective Fall Interventions: What Works for Community-Dwelling Older Adults, 3rd Edition features occupational therapy in many of the interventions that are profiled. The following interventions include descriptions of occupational therapy programs or are provided by an occupational therapy practitioner.

- **LiFE (Lifestyle Approach to Reducing Falls Through Exercise)**  

- **Falls Management Exercise (FaME) Intervention**  
  Skelton, D, Dinan, S, Campbell, M & Rutherford, O.


Resources on Falls Prevention

AOTA Resources:

Falls Prevention


Research


Grants and Funding Opportunities

The Disability Research and Dissemination Center (DRDC)

DRDC, in coordination with the National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities (NCBDDD) at the CDC, is pleased to announce the availability of new grant opportunities. The deadline for submission is March 1, 2016.

- RFA - R16 - 01 - EHDIP Parents (Pilot) Improving the Coordination and Documentation of Enrollment Into Early Intervention for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children through Parent Empowerment
- RFA - R16 - 02 - EHDIC Using EHDIC to Assess Outcomes Using Existing Early Intervention Data to Assess Outcomes Among Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children
- RFA - R16 - 03 - Improving Identification of Tics and Other Conditions in Children Improving the Identification of Tics, Tic Disorders and Co-Occurring Conditions in Children

RWJF Innovative Research on Policies to Improve Health and Well-Being

The Robert Woods Johnson Foundation is launching its first call for proposals for innovative research that can inform what policies can serve as levers to improve population health and well-being, and achieve greater levels of health equity. Approximately $1.5 million will be awarded, each grant will award up to $250,000 for a maximum funding of 24 months.

- Informational webinar with Scott Burris, JD, director of Policies for Action, February 16, 2016, 1-2:00 p.m.
- Letter of Intent deadline: March 15, 2016

The Disability Determination Process (DDP) Small Grant Program

The DDP Small Grant Program is a one-year stipend program ($10,000) that allows graduate students, both full and part-time, to conduct supervised independent research on improving the efficiency and reducing the complexity of disability determination processes. Application deadline: March 1, 2016.

Doctoral, Post-Doctoral and Research Training Opportunities

Postdoctoral Training Opportunity in Translational and Community-Engaged Scholarship to Improve Community Living and Participation of People with Disabilities

The Department of Occupational Therapy at the University of Illinois at Chicago is inviting applications from qualified candidates in any relevant discipline for postdoctoral research training experiences in research to improve community living and participation outcomes for persons with disabilities. This interdisciplinary postdoctoral program emphasizes preparing scholars to conduct research that has real world impact (i.e., guiding and changing services, programs, organizations and policies that affect persons with disabilities).

For fullest consideration, applications must be submitted by January 29, 2016. Applications will continue to be accepted until the position is filled. For more information, contact Dr. Joy Hammel.

Postdoctoral Training Opportunity: Children's Participation in Environment Research Lab (CPERL)

The Children's Participation in Environment Research Lab (CPERL) at the University of Illinois at Chicago is recruiting a full-time postdoctoral trainee. The focus of the training experience will be technology-based research in early childhood disability. All inquiries about this opportunity can be directed to Dr. Mary Khetani.

USC's PhD Program in Occupational Science
The Musculoskeletal Sonography and Occupational Performance (MSOP) Laboratory in the Mrs. T.H. Chan Division of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy at the University of Southern California (USC) is seeking a qualified individual interested in completing a PhD in Occupational Science. The USC MSOP is currently conducting a CDC-funded study (R01-OH010665) and other research that aims to enhance the assessment, workplace prevention and clinical rehabilitation of upper extremity musculoskeletal disorders using sonographic imaging, ergonomics, mind-body interventions and other techniques.

Individuals interested in a position in the USC MSOP Lab should submit a CV and letter of interest to Assistant Professor Dr. Shawn Roll. Individuals interested in learning more about the PhD program or other PhD student openings should contact Director of Admissions Dr. Liz Carley.

PhD Program in Health and Rehabilitation Sciences at The Ohio State University
The Child & Adolescent Health, Rehabilitation, & Evaluation (CAHRE) Lab at The Ohio State University is seeking exceptional, experienced pediatric occupational therapists that are interested in completing a PhD in Health and Rehabilitation Sciences. They are currently conducting two NIH-funded RCTs of Pediatric Constraint-Induced Movement Therapy (PCIMT; R01-HD0683 & R01-HD074574) and are looking for pediatric practitioners. Students are fully funded and receive: 1) tuition, 2) stipend, and 3) health insurance. Interested therapists should submit a CV and letter of interest to Drs. Andrew Persch or Amy Darragh.

AOTF Events at the 2016 AOTA Conference
Chicago, Illinois

For registration information, see the AOTA website.

**Wednesday, April 6**
Institute 003: Large Data and Data Sharing Research: Issues, Methods and Opportunities (AOTF/AOTA) 12:00-6:30 p.m.
This institute will provide an overview of research studies that may be conducted using Medicare claims and other large datasets in the context of post-acute care settings. Topics include the availability of large datasets for disability, rehabilitation, and occupational therapy research and new federal initiatives related to data sharing. The newly NIH-funded Center for Large Data Research and Data Sharing in Rehabilitation will be introduced along with the services that are provided by the center, including pilot projects mechanisms, the visiting scholar program, and the technical assistance related to large data analytics.

Chicago From All Sides: Bus and Walking Tour of Chicago 12:30-4:30 p.m.
Tour include the University of Chicago campus, Chicago Women's Park and Gardens, and OT historical sites. Includes lunch.

**Thursday, April 7**
WS 102. National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research (NIDILRR) and Department of Defense Grant Funding (AOTA/AOTF) 8:30-11:30 a.m.
This session describes the goals and research portfolios of the National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research (NIDILRR) and the Department of Defense (DoD). NIDILR's new federal...
home and changes in organizational structure will be explained.

Friday, April 8
Breakfast with a Scholar 7:00-9:30 a.m. NEW TIME
Still Alice: Understanding Alzheimer's
Lisa Genova, PhD, bestselling author of Still Alice and neuroscientist, will relate what she learned studying Alzheimer's disease (AD) -- that the language around it needs to focus on LIVING with it rather than dying, that people with AD shouldn't have to cope with being lonely, and how to connect to people with AD. Dr. Genova will be signing her books immediately following the event; there will be copies available for purchase.

State of the Science Symposium 2:00-4:30 p.m.
25th Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act
Joy Hammel, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA, and Diane Smith, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA, will address our current knowledge on the factors that influence participation, recent advances, areas of certainty and uncertainty, gaps in our knowledge, and best practice.

Gala 8:00-11:00 p.m.
Something for Everyone
This year's gala will have music to dance to, space to reunite with old friends, and food and drink to enjoy.

Saturday, April 9
Session 302 IRG  AOTF Intervention Research Grants: An Overview of Priorities and Process 8:00-9:30 a.m.
This session will provide an overview of the AOTF Intervention Research Grants program which has received major funding from AOTA, NBCOT, and the St. Catherine Challenge. Research priorities, objectives, eligibility criteria, and application process will be reviewed. Information on successful proposals will be highlighted. There will be opportunity for questions and discussion.

Session 342 Advancing the Science of Occupational Therapy: Overview of Emerging Research Priorities 2:00-3:30 p.m.
This session will provide an overview of the research priorities that AOTF has identified as important to advancing the science of occupational therapy and addressing societal issues. Background information and funding opportunities will be described for each priority area.

News and Other Resources

Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) Funding Announcements
On February 1st, PCORI posted five funding announcements for Cycle 1 of 2016.

- Improving Methods for Conducting Patient-Centered Outcomes Research - Cycle 1 2016
- Communication and Dissemination Research - Cycle 1 2016
- Improving Healthcare Systems - Cycle 1 2016
- Addressing Disparities - Cycle 1 2016
- Assessment of Prevention, Diagnosis, and Treatment Options - Cycle 1 2016
- Limited PCORI Funding Announcement: Dissemination and Implementation of PCORI Funded Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Results and Products in Real World Settings - Cycle 1 2016

Request for Comment on New and Revised Methodology Standards
PCORI seeks public comment on proposed changes in their methodology standards. The deadline for submitting comments is March 28, 2016 at 5 pm ET.

White House Conference on Aging: 2015 Final Report
The White House released its final report from the July 2015 Conference on Aging.

Assessing the Impact of Applications of Digital Health Records (DHRs) on Alzheimer's Disease (AD) Research: Workshop Summary
On July 20, 2015, the IOM's Forum on Neuroscience and Nervous System Disorders held a public session at the 2015 Alzheimer's Association International Conference in Washington, DC, to explore how DHRs may be used to help improve clinical trial design and methodology for AD research. While there are a number of potential uses of DHRs, speakers discussed some of the currently available DHR databases that are being mined to better understand the progression of AD and design more effective clinical trials. Click here to read workshop summary.

Free Webinars on TBI and Psychological Health
The Defense Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury (DCoE) hosts free monthly webinars on topics related to psychological health and TBI. See their website for more information and an archive of past webinar. Next webinar: Concussion and Winter Sports. February 11  1:00-2:30 p.m. (ET)

Conferences and Calls for Papers

ATIA (Assistive Technology Industry Association) Conference (February 4-6, 2016, Orlando, Florida)
The ATIA conference is the largest international conference showcasing assistive technology tools and services. Attendees hear from the biggest names in AT about the latest trends and methods, as well as view state-of-the-art AT tools and services in the exhibit hall.

International Stroke Conference (February 17-19, 2016, Los Angeles, California)
Presentations in 21 categories emphasizing basic, clinical and translational sciences as they evolve toward a more complete understanding of stroke pathophysiology.

AOTA's 96th Annual Conference & Expo (April 7-10, 2016, Chicago, Illinois)
The AOTA Annual Conference provides attendees with opportunities for dialogue through general sessions, workshops, networking and peer to peer connections. Leaders exchange information and ideas, provide input on AOTA initiatives and advocacy and policy agenda items.

Council for Exceptional Children (April 13-16, 2016, St. Louis, Missouri)
Special Education Exhibition and Expo

Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists Annual Conference (April 19-22, 2016, Banff Alberta)
The CAOT conference will celebrate the leadership role that occupational therapy and occupational science
contributes to realizing peak performance and mastering the occupations of everyday living.

The Pacific Rim International Conference on Disability and Diversity (April 25-26, 2016, Honolulu, Hawaii)
The Pacific Rim conference is in its 32nd year; it is one of the largest in the country for diversity and disability. This year the theme will be "From the Margins to the Center".

International Biophilia Society (IBRA)
IBRA advances research in rehabilitation medicine. The term "biophilia" represents people’s regaining body function with activating works of the brain by the latent powers which we have in the brain.

- **BIOPHILIA Workshop Academy** 2016 (April 27-28, 2016, Tokyo, Japan) is an international forum for advances in rehabilitation medicine that may lead to functional recovery. To present your paper or join the RCT study.
- **IBRA Conference** (July 18-19, 2016, Geneva, Switzerland)

WCNR 2016: 9th World Congress for NeuroRehabilitation (May 10-13, 2016, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania)
From Science to Society, the theme that has been chosen for this Congress, will cover both inspiring innovations in neurorehabilitation and their societal impacts.

Society for Disability Studies (June 8-11, 2016, Phoenix, Arizona)
Theme: Disability in the Public Sphere.

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) (July 6-9, 2016, Denver, Colorado)
The national NAMI conference will feature researchers and clinicians providing information and tools to advance and sustain recovery from mental illness as well as people living with a mental illness and their families with their own important perspectives on recovery.

Rehabilitation Engineering and Assistive Technology Society of North American (RESNA) Annual Conference (July 10-14, 2016, Arlington, Virginia)
The theme of this year's conference is: Promoting Access to Assistive Technology. Call for Papers Deadline: February 17, 2016.

Alzheimer's Association International Congress (AAIC) (July 22-28, 2016, Toronto, Ontario)
This conference will bring together international investigators, clinicians and care providers to share the latest study results, theories and discoveries in dementia science. There will be a track focused on evidence-based approaches to dementia care. Developing topic submission deadline: April 18, 2016.

International Association for Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and Allied Professions (IACAPAP). (September 18-22, 2016. Calgary, Alberta)

Theme: Out of the Shadows - Making Mental Health a Global Development Priority.

5th Annual Summer Research Institute: Basic and Advanced Behavioral Intervention Research (June 6-8, 2016 and June 9-10, 2016, Baltimore, Maryland)
Apply Today at nursing.jhu.edu/aginginstitute. Early Bird Special, Scholarships, and Fellowships are available.

Alzheimer’s Association International Conference (AAIC) (July 24-27, 2016, Toronto)
A Global Forum to Advance Dementia Science

Society for the Study of Occupation/Canadian Society of Occupational Scientists
(September 28-October 1, 2016, Portland, Maine)
Navigating the Seas of Change: Diversity of Occupation
Call for Papers/Abstract Proposals deadline: March 4, 2016

American Public Health Association (APHA) Annual conference (October 29-November 2, 2016, Denver, Colorado)
The theme of this year's conference is: Creating the Healthiest Nation: Ensuring the Right to Health.
The Disability Section of the APHA is awarding up to six $1000 Career Enhancement Scholarships. All graduate students focusing their studies on disability and health at universities in the U.S., including students involved in the work of CDC’s NCBDDD’s programs and initiatives, State Disability and Health grantees, LEND, UCEDD and IDDRC students, AUCD Network Trainees, disability studies students, health professional students, etc. Applicants must be enrolled during the fall 2016 semester and are eligible to receive the scholarship once.
Apply by submitting an abstract to present at the APHA/ Abstracts are due February 25, 2016.

ACRM Annual Conference (October 30, 2016-November 4, 2016, Chicago, Illinois)
The American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine's 93rd Annual Conference is Progress in Rehabilitation Research: Translation to Clinical Practice.
Proposal submission deadlines:
- Pre-Conference Instructional Courses February 16, 2016
- Symposia February 16, 2016
- Scientific Papers & Posters February 22, 2016

American College of Rheumatology Annual Conference (November 11-16, 2016, Washington, DC)
For more information.

Society for Neuroscience Annual Conference (November 12-16, 2016, San Diego, California)

Gerontological Society of America Annual Scientific Meeting (November 16-20, 2016, New Orleans, Louisiana)
This year's theme: New Lens on Aging: Changing Attitudes, Expanding Possibilities

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- Scholarships
- Research support including the Intervention Research Grants program
- Maintenance of the largest collection of occupational therapy resources in the country, the Wilma L. West Library.

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